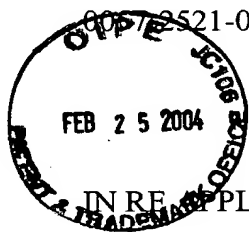


005/2521-0 PCT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

: EXAMINER: DOVE, T.

SHIGERU AIHARA ET AL

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1745

SERIAL NO: 09/381,295

: CPA FILED: OCTOBER 22, 2001

FILED: SEPTEMBER 22, 1999

: RCE FILED: JANUARY 15, 2003

FOR: BATTERY

FEB 27 2004

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2003, please amend the application identified above as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.